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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJCT: FOURTEEN ERP MEMBERS ARRESTED

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. BUENOS AIRES POLICE ANNOUNCED ON JAN 29 THAT 14 ERP MEMBERS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN TWO SEPARATE ACTIONS THE 14 INCLUDED TAG PERSONS OF FRENCH NATIONALITY AND FOUR PARAGUAYANS. ALL 14 ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BELONGED TO ZONE 4 OF THE SOTR REGION OF THE TERRORIST GROUP.

2. THE POLICE ACCOUNT GAVE EXTENSIVE DETAILS INCLUDING NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHOTOS OF THE 14; THE WEAPONS CAPTURED AND THEIR ORIGIN AND A LONG LIST OF TERRORIST ACTS WHICH THE GROUP HAD CARRIED OUT. AT THE TIME OF THEIR CAPTURE, 9 OF THE GUERRILLAS WERE PLOTTING THE KIDNAPPING OF A HIGH RANKING ARMY OFFICER ACCORDING TO POLICE.

3. THE ACTS THE GROUP IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN INCLUDE THE KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF LTCOL IBARZABAL, THE ATTEMPT IN DECEMBER TO KIDNAP TWO LEVER BROTHERS EXECUTIVES, THE 1973 KIDNAPPING OF ADMIRAL ALEMAN AND THE 1973 KIDNAPPING OF FIRESTONE EXECUTIVE AND AMERICAN CITIZEN JOHN THOMPSON.

4. COMMENT. ACCORDING TO EMASSY POLICE SOURCES, THE ARRESTS

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ARE GENUINE AND IT WOULD APPEAR A SIGNIFICANT BLOW HAS BEEN
DEALT THE TERRORISTS. IN ANY EVENT, SECURITY FORCES ARE MAKING
THE BEST OF THE INCIDENT FROM A PUBLICITY STANDPOINT.
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